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Art Unit	3621
Examiner Name	Pierre E. Elisca
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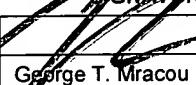
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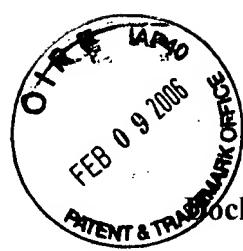
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In re Patent Application of

Michael L. GRANDCOLAS, et al.

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Serial No.: 09/240,588

Examiner: Pierre E. Elisca

Filed: February 1, 1999

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATICALLY HARMONIZING ACCESS  
TO A SOFTWARE APPLICATION PROGRAM VIA DIFFERENT ACCESS  
DEVICES**

**SUBMISSION REQUIRED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION (RCE) PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

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No additional fees are believed to be necessary since the references cited in this statement are being submitted with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the fee associated with the RCE filing. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 which may be required during the entire

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Respectfully submitted,

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